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June 17, 2024

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Texas

United States of America)
v.)
)
<u>Jarell Poledore</u>)
<i>Defendant</i>)

Case No. 4:24-mj-247

ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL**Part I - Eligibility for Detention**

Upon the

Motion of the Government attorney pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1), or
 Motion of the Government or Court's own motion pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(2),

the Court held a detention hearing and found that detention is warranted. This order sets forth the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law, as required by 18 U.S.C. § 3142(i), in addition to any other findings made at the hearing.

Part II - Findings of Fact and Law as to Presumptions under § 3142(e)

A. Rebuttable Presumption Arises Under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(2) (previous violator): There is a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of any other person and the community because the following conditions have been met:

(1) the defendant is charged with one of the following crimes described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1):

- (a)** a crime of violence, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1591, or an offense listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2332b(g)(5)(B) for which a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years or more is prescribed; **or**
- (b)** an offense for which the maximum sentence is life imprisonment or death; **or**
- (c)** an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years or more is prescribed in the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. §§ 801-904), the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. §§ 951-971), or Chapter 705 of Title 46, U.S.C. (46 U.S.C. §§ 70501-70508); **or**
- (d)** any felony if such person has been convicted of two or more offenses described in subparagraphs (a) through (c) of this paragraph, or two or more State or local offenses that would have been offenses described in subparagraphs (a) through (c) of this paragraph if a circumstance giving rise to Federal jurisdiction had existed, or a combination of such offenses; **or**
- (e)** any felony that is not otherwise a crime of violence but involves:

 - (i)** a minor victim; **(ii)** the possession of a firearm or destructive device (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921); **(iii)** any other dangerous weapon; or **(iv)** a failure to register under 18 U.S.C. § 2250; **and**

(2) the defendant has previously been convicted of a Federal offense that is described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1), or of a State or local offense that would have been such an offense if a circumstance giving rise to Federal jurisdiction had existed; **and**

(3) the offense described in paragraph (2) above for which the defendant has been convicted was committed while the defendant was on release pending trial for a Federal, State, or local offense; **and**

(4) a period of not more than five years has elapsed since the date of conviction, or the release of the defendant from imprisonment, for the offense described in paragraph (2) above, whichever is later.

B. Rebuttable Presumption Arises Under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(3) (narcotics, firearm, other offenses): There is a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community because there is probable cause to believe that the defendant committed one or more of the following offenses:

- (1)** an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years or more is prescribed in the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. §§ 801-904), the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. §§ 951-971), or Chapter 705 of Title 46, U.S.C. (46 U.S.C. §§ 70501-70508);
- (2)** an offense under 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c), 956(a), or 2332b;
- (3)** an offense listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2332b(g)(5)(B) for which a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years or more is prescribed;
- (4)** an offense under Chapter 77 of Title 18, U.S.C. (18 U.S.C. §§ 1581-1597) for which a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years or more is prescribed; **or**
- (5)** an offense involving a minor victim under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1201, 1591, 2241, 2242, 2244(a)(1), 2245, 2251, 2251A, 2252(a)(1), 2252(a)(2), 2252(a)(3), 2252A(a)(1), 2252A(a)(2), 2252A(a)(3), 2252A(a)(4), 2260, 2421, 2422, 2423, or 2425.

C. Conclusions Regarding Applicability of Any Presumption Established Above

- The defendant has not introduced sufficient evidence to rebut the presumption of danger to the community above, and detention is ordered on that basis.

AND

- The defendant has presented evidence sufficient to rebut the presumption of risk of non-appearance, but after considering the presumption and the other factors discussed below, detention is warranted.

Part III - Analysis and Statement of the Reasons for Detention

After considering the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g) and the information presented at the detention hearing, the Court concludes that the defendant must be detained pending trial because the Government has proven:

- By clear and convincing evidence that no condition or combination of conditions of release will reasonably assure the safety of any other person and the community.
- By a preponderance of evidence that no condition or combination of conditions of release will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance as required.

In addition to any findings made on the record at the hearing, the reasons for detention include the following:

- Weight of evidence against the defendant is strong
- Subject to lengthy period of incarceration if convicted
- Prior criminal history
- Participation in criminal activity while on probation, parole, or supervision
- History of violence or use of weapons
- History of alcohol or substance abuse
- Lack of stable employment
- Lack of stable residence

- Lack of financially responsible sureties
- Lack of significant community or family ties to this district
- Significant family or other ties outside the United States
- Lack of legal status in the United States
- Subject to removal or deportation after serving any period of incarceration
- Prior failure to appear in court as ordered
- Prior attempt(s) to evade law enforcement
- Use of alias(es) or false documents
- Background information unknown or unverified
- Prior violations of probation, parole, or supervised release

OTHER REASONS OR FURTHER EXPLANATION:

Even assuming that Defendant Jarell Poledore had successfully rebutted the presumption disfavoring his release—he did not, at least with respect to the danger posed by his release—the Government nonetheless met its burden to show that he should be detained pending trial. First, the nature and circumstances of the underlying offense, involving drug trafficking and possessing a weapon in furtherance thereof, are serious. Unlawful distribution of controlled substances, including methamphetamine, poses an inherent danger to the community. Defendant’s distribution was also on a large scale, running a trap house where he routinely sold narcotics. Loaded weapons were placed next to drug stashes on the kitchen counter and in the kitchen cabinet. The frequency of Defendant’s travels there and his repeated drug sales provides a sufficient basis to conclude that Defendant exercised control over the weapons for the purpose of protecting the drugs.

Defendant’s criminal history raises yet more concerns. He has prior convictions for analogous offenses: (1) a weapons charge (misdemeanor), in June 2021; and (2) manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (felony), in April 2022. Worse, Defendant has repeatedly disregarded key terms of release, namely that he appear in court and refrain from committing new crimes. For instance, Defendant’s probation for the weapons charge was revoked because of his subsequent conviction for drug dealing. In 2021, he failed to appear in court on a misdemeanor charge of evading arrest, causing his bond to be revoked. Most brazenly, the Government’s evidence shows that Defendant continued unlawfully selling drugs while on release for the parallel state drug-distribution charge for which he was arrested in May 2024. Indeed, photos show Defendant flashing cash received from a controlled purchase of narcotics while wearing an ankle monitor. And Defendant attempted to avoid apprehension by fleeing on foot when law enforcement arrived at the trap house.

Defendant proposed to stay at his mother’s home if he were released. But Defendant’s pattern of ignoring prior conditions—including by continuing to sell illicit drugs that endanger the community even after his arrest—render it illogical to conclude that he would abide by any conditions designed to safeguard the community and assure Defendant’s appearance if released. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that Defendant Jarell Poledore be **DETAINED** pending trial.

Part IV - Directions Regarding Detention

The defendant is remanded to the custody of the Attorney General or to the Attorney General’s designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant must be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility must deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

Date: June 17, 2024
Yvonne Y. Ho
United States Magistrate Judge